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APPRAISAL OF IDS

1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON G-77 TEXT OF MID-
TERM REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BEGAN
NOVEMBER 12. G-77 PLANS ARE TO COMPLETE A RESOLUTION BY
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DECEMBER 5 AT THE LATEST. END SUMMARY.

2. INFORMAL GROUP MET NOVEMBER 12 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION
ON HANDLING G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MIDTERM REVIEW (MTR).

3. EC-9 (ITALY) MADE PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL COMMENTS:
THAT EVALUATION SECTION SHOULD FOLLOW IDS FORMAT; SHOULD
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS RECENTLY REACHED;
SHOULD REFLECT RESULTS OF CONFERENCES IN STOCKHOLM
(ENVIRONMENT). BUCHAREST (POPULATION), ROME (AGRICULTURE),
AND AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE SUGGESTED BETTER
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EXAMINATION OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST QUANTIFIED TARGETS AND

THAT AN ASSESSMENT OF POLICY MEASURES SHOULD BE MADE.

4. THE US DEL (TANK) REVIEWED HISTORY IN HANDLING MTR IN UN THIS YEAR AND NOTED THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW HAD BEEN REPEATEDLY DEFERRED BECAUSE OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS LEADING TO THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE WISH OF DELEGATES TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF ISSUES WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE THE RESULTS OF THE SESSION ITSELF. THE SAME LOGIC SUGGESTED FURTHER DEFERRING DISCUSSION OF ISSUES SO RECENTLY AGREED, SINCE SPECIAL SESSION HAD COVERED MOST OF IDS CONCERNS AND RESULTED IN WIDE RANGING SET OF PROPOSALS. THE EXAMINATION AND ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THEM ARE NOW UNDERWAY IN MANY PRESENT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND ARE PLANNED AS WELL IN THE CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION NOW PROPOSED TO BE ESTABLISHED AT DECEMBER 16 MEETING IN PARIS. WE WERE CONCERNED THAT DEBATE OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES INCORPORATED IN G-77 DRAFT WOULD PREJUDICE COOPERATIVE WORK IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WE INDICATED OUR HOPE FOR A SHORTER DOCUMENT FOCUSED ON EVALUATION AND GIVEN A PROCEDURAL THRUST.

5. FRENCH DEL FELT THAT TRADE, INDUSTRY, AND POPULATION ISSUES WERE NOT ADEQUATELY TREATED; NOTED THAT BASIS FOR THE IDS MAY HAVE CHANGED, BUT IT IS STILL A USEFUL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK, AND IT SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCORPORATE WHAT IS NEW SINCE 1970.

6. THE FRG NOTED SURPRISE AT NEGATIVE G-77 TEXT, ITS IMBALANCE, AND GENERAL INADEQUACY IN REFLECTING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION MANIFEST AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. DELEGATE THEN CITED EXTENSIVE FRG AID AND TRADE RELATIONSHIPS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FRG IMPORT SURPLUS FROM LDC'S.

7. THE USSR HOPED THAT REPORT COULD BE COMPLETED ON TIME BY DECEMBER 5 AND GENERALLY ENDORSED CONTENT OF G-77 PAPER. DELEGATE ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF NEED FOR REVISION OF THE IDS AND FURTHER ELABORATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH IMPEDES ATTAINMENT OF IDS GOALS.

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8. THE NETHERLANDS SOUGHT ELABORATION ON PLANS FOR NEXT REVIEW, CALLED FOR TEXT OR MOBILIZATION OF PUBLIC OPINION, AND WISHED FURTHER ATTENTION COULD BE SHOWN TO POOREST COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO SUGGESTED TREATMENT OF DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH, INCOME, AND POWER AMONG AND WITHIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. UPPER VOLTA AS G-77 SPOKESMAN IN CONCILIATORY STATEMENT

INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER REFORMULATIONS OF TEXT AND REVISION OF STRATEGY. HE STATED HE DID NOT WISHTO REOPEN ISSUES AGREED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE FELT THAT SOCIAL QUESTIONS AND REDISTRIBUTION OF INCOME WERE GIVEN APPROPRIATE TREATMENT WITHIN SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION 3362. HE HOPED GROUP WOULD BEGIN DETAILED EXAMINATION OF TEXT AT TEXT AT ITS NEXT MEETING STARTING WITH INTRODUCTION AND SECTION ON EVALUATION.

10. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR THAT WESTERN DELEGATIONS WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS TEXT. THE EC-9, HOWEVER, SEEMS PREPARED TO ACCEPT G-77 REPORT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND REVISION. THOSE DELEGATES EITHER ANTICIPATE OR HOPE THIS REVIEW WILL BE A VERY TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS WITH PERHAPS AN ABORTIVE RESULT. THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS THAT G-77 AS A WHOLE ARE NOT EAGER TO PURSUE DETAILED DEBATE ON THIS PAPER, HOWEVER, BUT THEY HAD FORMERLY AGREED THAT AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO GO BEYOND THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND SEEK MORE GAINS FOR LDC'S. G-77 INTEREST IN A FACE-SAVING DEVICE IS YET TO APPEAR HOWEVER, AND WILL DEPEND UPON STRENGTH OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY POSITIONS. END COMMENT.
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